

WASHINGTON FUND	
A. B. Altona, Pa.,	\$ 1 00
Bethany Church, Va.,	2 60
Washington City Church,	44 38
	\$ 47 98
TOTAL OFFERINGS	
General fund,	\$ 16 25
Chicago fund,	104 46
Washington fund,	47 98
	\$ 168 69
Total for the month,	1001 32
Amount previously reported,	
Total receipts for the month,	\$ 1170 01
PAYMENTS	
Order No. 105 to J. O. Talley,	\$ 20 00
Cash advanced by secretary,	30 00
Cash sent direct to J. O. Talley,	87 46
Cash sent direct to W. M. Lyon,	47 98
	\$ 185 44
Total payment,	1010 17
Amount previously reported,	
	\$ 1195 61

Somehow our Washington Mission supporters have been very derelict thru the month of February, only \$ 3.00 came from outside of the city of Washington.

I trust the friends will come to time for the interest, April 1st, at Washington, and the special meetings in Chicago. I suggest Easter Sunday as a good time to make a common effort thruout the church in behalf of general missions. Let all the pastors present the matter, so there is a division of the burden. A few of our churches, and brethren are bearing more than their share of the burden, while many do little or nothing.

J. C. CASSEL,  
Sec. M. B. of the B. C.

#### To the Churches of Ohio

The mission, in the city of Dayton, will have a pastor to serve them regularly, after April 1st. Also Troy must have help, and will be supplied during the year. These are two very important points, and if properly supported will become self-sustaining, when the Mission Board can give their attention to other points, that are anxiously awaiting their help.

It is therefore the desire of the Board that every church in the State take up a missionary collection on Easter Sunday and send the money to the secretary, J. D. Findley, Glenford, Ohio. May God give us all more of the missionary spirit.

J. L. KIMMEL, Chairman.

#### To the Churches of Indiana

At our last State conference the sentiment was voiced to raise \$1000 for the state missions this conference year. The Board had planned to ask quarterly offering from all churches. On account of sickness nothing was accomplished by the Board the first quarter. Our expenses so far have been about \$40 per month.

We shall do all in our power to report at our coming conference the fact we raised the amount contemplated, and so ask the united action of all churches and auxiliary societies. Hence our call:

1. Let Easter Sunday be a day to rally to the support of our Home Mission work, with whatever you may have as an offering.
2. Let each church, S. S., S. S. C. E. and Y. P. S. give an Easter offering for our home work.
3. To the Pastors of Indiana: Should

you serve several churches lift the offering on the Sunday which comes nearest to Easter.

4. Let the heads of the various departments in each church talk missions and see that your department of church work is represented in our general offering.

5. Let those who are isolated help in this work as they are prompted by the spirit.

6. *Our Roll of Honor*: The roll is not yet full and the books are yet open. So if you desire to be added send me your name and a dollar, and you will be duly recorded; or send me your name and pay the dollar any time twixt now and October 1. To those who gave in their names at our State conference: Should you be so disposed, the secretary is now ready to mark you paid by receiving remittance of a dollar.

Should you desire any information write the secretary. Send all remittances to the secretary so as to be duly recorded and then funds will be turned over to the treasurer. To all members of the Brethren church of Indiana: Let us by a united effort make this Easter offering the best in our record.

WM. H. MILLER, Sec. of Indiana M. B.  
No. Manchester, Ind.

#### From the National Capital

*My Dear Co worker in the Gospel*: I wonder again and again whether any of us are really adorning the doctrine by personal work as the Lord would have us do. O, I wonder how many of us are really in earnest in this matter. All of the spare time I can possibly get I spend in going from house to house calling on strangers—at least trying to call—of course I do not expect to be invited in every place, but I find that it pays. In the first place it pays *me*; even the unpleasant things incident to this kind of work are turned into so many blessings. Brother, I consider it worth a great deal when we can by believing God have the undesirable things transformed into so many blessings to ourselves. And in the second place, it tells on others, does them good, even tho it may not always seem so at the time. I used to think it very much out of place to call on strangers to talk to them about spiritual things, but the longer I live the more I am convinced that we should not spend so much of the time visiting the membership, altho that is much more agreeable from the natural point of view, but take more interest among those outside, many of whom have never been visited by any minister, and in not a few cases, not even by their own preacher where they are members of some church. Many of the other churches are now beginning to take up the work in this way. We can not possibly over-estimate the importance of personal effort in the homes, even of strangers.

And not only does it pay me in a spiritual way, but we learn to have more charity toward those who may not always agree with us in doctrine. It produces in us a more uniform and symmetrical character. We can not afford to be a *lopsided* Christian—too many of that class already. Should time be

granted me, later on it is my purpose to say something about this *spiritual lopsidedness*. We see so much of it these days. As we pass along we gather up the most interesting things we meet with and make a note of them. But for the present I would again emphasize what I have already said. This kind of work pays everywhere. We can not afford to miss it. We had thought of mentioning several interesting experiences we have had lately but have not the time now.

W. M. LYON.

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#### Chicago Mission

*Following Afar Off*.—Peter followed afar off. That was bad enough for Peter. But had he not stopped to warm by Satan's fire the temptation to deny his Lord would not have been so great. So it is today. Many who follow the Lord afar off find the struggle very hard, and indeed when they stop as many do, to seek comfort from the firesides of Satan, many alas can not withstand the temptation to deny the faith, and the Lord that bought them. "Stay close to Jesus all the way."

*A Practical View of the Atonement*.—Barabbas, the murderer, who was to have been crucified between the two malefactors, went forth a free man; but Jesus the innocent was on the cross in his place, his substitute. Doubtless Barabbas could understand the atonement perfectly in its practical application, tho he was not a theologian. The law hath said, "the soul that sinneth shall die." Had the law been enforced when Jesus came to save us, not a soul would have been left. Our Savior came not to destroy the law, but to fulfil it; i. e. live it out in all its details; give *life* to all its *symbols*, and *reality* to all its *types*. He fulfilled a law that I could not fulfill. He gave to the world a life of which previously we had but the *types* and *symbols*. He saved us from the "curse of the law." If all the above things are beyond my power and comprehension, yet I am not without hope, for I can believe in him who has power. If I can not see the all things of this life, I can believe in Him who could make the *ideal* of the *loftiest* minds, the *real*. The law, ceremonial, and moral, were *shadows* of the coming event. The world saw the shadow first; Jesus came and rose above it; What the Jew once did because he feared God, Jesus did because he loved God. Thus motive was placed above action. Those who love can say Father; those who fear will only feel to say Almighty when they pray.

March is on us with a good stock of March weather, of snow, rain and mud. Still there are calls from the poor for clothing, but we hope that soon the opening of Spring weather will find employment for all. Our Sunday school is very interesting and prosperous tho many of the dear little folks have been kept home the last two Sundays by sickness and storm. Last Sunday hard rain; Sunday before snow and blizzard. Other services